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CITY OF MILPITAS
COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMISSION
MILPITAS CITY HALL COMMITTEE MEETING ROOM
UNAPPROVED MINUTES
January 5, 2005

**I.
Call to Order
and Roll Call**

Chair Iloreta called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Present were Commissioners Abelardo, Lee, Luna, Mandal, Mohsin, Pham (7:08 pm), and Ranker
Alternates present were Commissioners Fang, Lind
Absent: Commissioners Cook and Queenan

**II.
Seating of
Alternates**

Alternates seated: Fang and Lind

**III.
Pledge of
Allegiance**

Chair Iloreta led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**IV.
Approval of
Agenda**

MOTION to approve the Agenda as submitted

M/S: Linda, Luna

Ayes: 9

**V.
Approval of
Minutes**

MOTION to approve the minutes of December 2, 2004 with a correction on City Council report should state appoint new Council liaisons.

M/S: Lind, Mohsin

Ayes: 9

**VI.
Announcements**

Staff announced the training workshop on Saturday, February 26, 2005 at 9:00 am. The Sign, NBO, and Zoning ordinance was presented to City Council. City Council decided to have staff re-evaluate. The Commissioner's Recognition Dinner will be held on Wednesday, April 20, 2005 at the Embassy Suites.

**VII.
Citizens' Forum**

Chair Iloreta invited members of the audience to address the Commission on any item not on the agenda. There were no requests.

**VIII.
Liaison Reports**

a. City Council

Councilmember Polanski introduced herself to the Commission and gave a brief summary of the most recent City Council items. The City received an award for their finances and budget report. A subcommittee of the City Council was formed to make recommendations to the City Council on who the Mayor should appoint to various committees. City Council will have a new open government ordinance drafted. City Council appointed Charles Lawson as Acting City Manager and Acting Police Chief is Thomas Nishisaka.

IX.
New Business

a. Election of Officers.

Commissioner Ranker nominated Chair Iloreta as Chairperson. Chair Iloreta declined. Commissioner Mandal nominated Commissioner Ranker as Chairperson. Commissioner Ranker accepted.

MOTION to nominate Commissioner Ranker as Chairperson.

M/S: Mandal, Fang Ayes: 9

Commissioner Mandal nominated Vice-Chair Mohsin as Vice-Chair. There were no other nominations.

MOTION to nominate Vice-Chair Mohsin as Vice-Chair.

M/S: Mandal, Lind Ayes: 9

b. Ethics Project Update.

Staff stated that January 11, 2005 was suggested by staff to conduct the final Council training, the Council tabled discussion of this item until the January 18, 2005 meeting. Staff served on the national COGEL Conference in San Francisco. Staff received feedback from other Cities. Most cities are not community driven. The City Clerk has received six ethics complaints. Three were rejected and three have been heard.

Chair Ranker asked about the lobbyist registry ordinance. The lobbyist registry ordinance was agendized for Council review on December 21, 2004, but the public hearing and action were postponed to the January 18th meeting.

Staff asked if the Commission agreed on the format of the final survey. The commission read changes that are needed. A draft of the final survey went to City Council on December 21, 2004. The proposed circulation method is an insert in the Milpitas Post and via the city's website. Council tabled this item to the January 18, 2005 Council meeting.

MOTION to approve lobbyist registry ordinance with the recommended changes.

M/S: Lind, Iloreta Ayes: 9

c. Non-denominational invocations at City Council meetings.

Staff stated at the December 21, 2004 City Council meeting, the Council directed that the CAC add to its short-term work plan the potential of having a short non-denominational prayer prior to the start of City Council meetings and to solicit feedback from the community, look at policies in other cities, and report back to the Council. Council member Polanski suggested staff to look at other cities policies and bring additional information back to the CAC at a future meeting (April or May).

d. Subcommittee/Task Force Status Reports.

Neighborhood Preservation (Lee, Mohsin, Queenan, and Luna)
No update at this time.

50th Year Anniversary (Mohsin, Mandal and Lind)
The next meeting will be held on January 6, 2005 to discuss the time capsule.

Ethics (Abelardo, Lind, and Ranker)
Report was given with project update earlier on agenda.

Tree Decorating Celebration (Pham, Cook and Abelardo)
Commissioner Pham stated it was a nice turn out with great weather.

X.
Adjournment

Chair Ranker adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m. to the February 2, 2005 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne Andrade, Recording Secretary